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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 12, 2001 NOTICE TO COMPLY
WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO
ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

This Communication is submitted in response to the December 12, 2001 Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice To Comply is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Notice provides a period of one month for filing a response. Therefore, a response to this December 12, 2001 Notice is due January 12, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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The Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures indicates that a copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823.

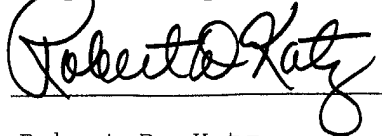
In response, applicants submit as **Exhibit B** hereto a substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing". In addition, applicants submit herewith a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.825(d). Further, applicants submit herewith a Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) as **Exhibit C**, certifying that the computer readable form containing the nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e) contains the same information which was submitted as the "Sequence Listing" and contains no new matter.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invite the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

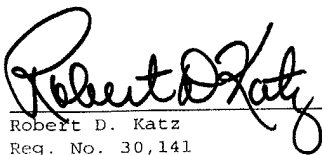
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Respectfully submitted,



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